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THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

With-Weaver, Brier, Reed and Folsom Editors (after this time) subject.

COMMON SCHOOL LAWS.

Digest of Amendments Enacted by the

Legislature of the State of New York.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

has issued the following Circular,

giving a digest of amendments to the

Common School Laws, enacted by the

last General Assembly:

1. County Taxation repealed. Dis-

trict Taxation substituted and the

tax was to be voted at any time, once

a year, after fifteen days notice, duly

posted, for the better payment of school

taxes, for the extension of the district

school for a longer term, or for the pay-

ment of any debt contracted by the

Trustees on account of the Common

School. The tax shall not exceed

twenty-five cents in any one year on the

hundred dollar value of taxable

property in the district.

2. Site for school house may be pur-

chased, a school house built, repaired

or finished, without the consent of the

freeholders of the district. Last session

of section 7, Art. VIII., Common School

Laws repealed. Compare Art. VI.,

Sec. 1.

3. Instead of Trustees appointing text

books, from those recommended by the

State Board of Education, to be used in

the district, the County Superintendent

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20. Superintendence of Public Instruc-

tion may recommend able and experi-

enced normal instructors to conduct the

County Teachers' Institutes, whose pay-

ment shall be derived from and paid by the

County Superintendent, out of the funds

raised from the teachers and other

members of the Institute.

21. No tax shall be levied upon the

property of poll, or no services required

of any man or person for the instruction

of a school for colored children, and no

tax shall be levied upon the property

of poll, or no services required of any

colored person for the benefit of a school

for white children.

22. Provision by special act for the

monthly payment of the wages of the

teachers of the public schools, and by

authorizing any county, under pre-

scribed conditions to borrow the money

and provide the interest, the State

security for the borrowed money on the

full per centum and the sixty

per centum appertaining the county out

of the school fund.

Jos. DESHA PICKETT,

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A Public Cause.

The New York Times publishes this

morning: "There was a dinner given Sat-

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Senate and House, at which Speaker

McCracken presided. The occasion was

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will with pleasure be introduced for

any who may desire.

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